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Country and intercountry programmes and projects

COUNTRY PROGRAMME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF

POLAND

Note by the Administrator

Programme period	Illustrative IPF for 1982-1986
1982-1986	$6 million

I. Nature of the programming exercise

1. The Country Programme was elaborated by the Planning Commission, with the participation of the technical ministries, and by the International Organizations Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which acted as the co-ordinating authority. The content of the Programme was approved by the Planning Commission. The preparation of the Country Programme was based on the main orientation adopted in the preparation of the five-year National Plan of Socio-Economic Development for 1981-1985. The UNDP European Office was invited to associate itself with the Polish authorities in the final stages of the programming exercise.

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2. The third Country Programme reflects a conscious and systematic attempt by the Government of Poland to design projects in such a manner as to promote co-operation among countries with different social and economic systems within the European region. Also, a majority of the projects included in the Country Programme are of potential interest and benefit to developing countries outside the European region, either as a source of expertise for development co-operation, or as a training facility for nationals of developing countries.

3. Some of the projects may generate regional or interregional activities, based on the expertise to be acquired as a result of the UNDP assistance to Poland under this Country Programme.

II. Relation of the Country Programme to national development objectives

4. The main objective of the five-year plan for 1976-1980 was to accelerate, as compared to the previous 10-year period, the upgrading of living conditions (consumption, housing, social welfare) and the modernization of industry. The implementation of these tasks was taking place under extremely unfavourable external and internal conditions. Consequently, a number of these tasks could not be achieved. The objective chosen for 1981-1985, as expressed by the Government, consists in the harmonization of the economy and restoration of its capacity for dynamic development. The UNDP Country Programme proposed by the Government of Poland is concentrated in a few carefully selected areas, namely: natural resources, agriculture, industry, transport, health and employment. Athough the UNDP assistance for Poland is relatively small as compared with national means destined for the purposes of social and economic development, it plays a useful role, nonetheless, in accelerating and optimizing the solution of many acute sectoral problems. Therefore, this assistance is channeled to those sectors of the economy where it is especially important to link national solutions to the achievements of world technical knowledge, organization and management through multilateral technical co-operation under the auspices of UNDP and the Executing Agencies.

5. It is understood that great care will be exercised in the formulation of individual projects in order to emphasize the transfer of know-how, as distinct from the supply of equipment. Consequently, it is expected that the share of equipment in the Programme as a whole will not exceed 50 per cent and will be limited to items needed for training and demonstration purposes, or for activities of a pilot nature.

6. UNDP assistance will be devoted mainly to:

(a) Natural resources: Research in coal conversion is the basic topic of the national development plan in the field of energy development. As the research in coal conversion technology is very expensive and time consuming, international co-operation could accelerate the progress. Consequently, it is proposed to continue UNDP assistance to the existing project in this field;

(b) Agriculture: The assistance of UNDP is requested for the scientific breeding centres, particularly for the triticale breeding project. The Programme provides for the continuation of the Plant Projection project and also includes a project to increase the production of meat and milk and improve the quality and utilization of dairy produce;

(c) Industry: Assistance will be given for the development of the industry of agricultural machinery through the modernization of its research and design potential;

(d) Transport: To continue the existing project of Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) in order to finalize studies on the design of the Polish section of the Motorway;

(e) Health: To assist in the health protection programme foreseen in the Government research and development plan, during 1981-1985, in terms of projects aimed at fighting cancer, and to backstop and expand activities of the Central Institute of Work Protection in order to improve working conditions;

(f) Employment: To carry out a project to upgrade qualifications of specialized cadres by training abroad in many fields related to skill development.

III. Contents and phasing of the Country Programme

7. The sectoral breakdown of programmed resources and the phasing of the Country Programme are shown in the following tables:

Table 1

Sectoral breakdown of programmed resources

Sector	Ongoing projects		Identified new projects		Other objectives and activities for which projects have not yet been identified		Total	
	Value ($000)	Per cent	Value ($000)	Per cent	Value ($000)	Per cent	Value ($000)	Per cent
Natural resources	800	17					800	17
Agriculture	500	10	600	13			1 100	23
Industry			500	10			500	10
Transport	300	6					300	6
Health			1 400	29			1 400	29
Other					700	15	700	15
Total programmed	1 600	23	2 500	52	700	15	4 800	100

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Table 2

Phasing of the Country Programme

A. Amounts programmed

Year	($000)
1982	864
1983	912
1984	1 150
1985	1 234
1986	640
Total	4 800

B. Resources taken into account for programming

Resources available:	
(a) IPF resources available for programming	4 800 a/
(b) Other resources (Government cost-sharing contribution or trust funds if applicable)	Nil
Provision for adequate programming	Nil
Total resources taken into account for programming	4 800

IV. Recommendation of the Administrator

8. In the light of the views expressed above, the Administrator recommends that the Governing Council:

(a) Approve the proposed UNDP country programme for Poland for the duration of its programme period within the limits of its Indicative Planning Figure for 1982-1986,

a/ This amount represents the illustrative IPF of $6 million, minus 20 per cent left unprogrammed.

taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of its 1977-1981 Indicative Planning Figure; and

(b) Authorize the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of the Country Programme while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session (E/5543/Rev.1, paragraph 31), that expenditures are kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant Indicative Planning Figures and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time.

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